

Summary of the Friday Sermon Delivered by Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad - Khalifatul Masih IV. On 11th July 1997

Say 'O ye My servants who believe! Be mindful of your Lord. There is good recompense for those who do their level best in this life. And Allah's Earth is spacious. Verily those who persevere steadfastly will have their reward without measure.'

The Holy Quran. al-Zumar [The Throngs]: 11.

The Jalsa Salana UK which has actually become the central Jalsa of the whole world is very near at hand. Along with the arrival of this Jalsa comes the arrival of guests. These include the organisers and workers who have reached here with kind intent to serve.

I wish to present another position of this Jalsa before you. This Jalsa would be the Jalsa to show the result of our year of the *Mubahila* [Quranic prayer duel]. Because in this *Mubahila* all the enemies of Ahmadiyya had been especially invited to labour, to pray, to do whatever you can but you cannot halt the progress of Ahmadiyya. With the grace of God you will see Ahmadiyya increase much more than ever before this year and even more signs of blessing would be observed. This is the duel which would become clear to you at this Jalsa Salana.

In this regard the Jamats were making efforts before and are also doing so now and those prayers are also a part of those efforts. The theme mentioned in the end of the verse recited at the beginning of the sermon is that the reward of the patient is certainly increased much more and without measure. This is what you have to keep before you presently. Now this awareness is being awakened on a worldwide scale in the Ahmadiyya Community that when the enemy is grievously taking steps in opposition, you are make use of fortitude along with showing absolute trust and reliance on God and never to let slip the hem of patience from your hands.

The tactic of the *Maluvis* opposing Ahmadiyya is that they reach wherever they see the plant of God flourishing and they themselves try to suck the juice which waters the Jamat. So we are to frustrate them in this. Recently in an African country where the Jamat was succeeding the *Maulvis* tried to persuade the government to declare Ahmadis as non-Muslims. There was a danger that the members of the Jamat would be incited but they were advised to show patience and the Jamat took the correct retaliatory measures through the use of patience so that the emotion that was to be expended in harming people served to be a cause for preaching the Ahmadiyya mission. Anyway with the grace of Allah the plan of the enemy was horribly frustrated. The same endeavours have begun against the Community all over the world and has also emerged in India. There the *Maulvis* have requested the Hindu idolaters, to declare the Ahmadis to be non-Muslims. If the government of India has any sense they would first of all not even consider looking at such an undemocratic demand but if they have to do it then if they are fair should give all Muslims the chance to justify why they are Muslims and why the others are non-Muslims. In this way they would not see any Muslims in the whole of India other than the Ahmadiyya Community. The fact of the matter is that if justice had played a part in Pakistan then it is only the Ahmadiyya Community

whose Islam can be proven and the Islam of all the others has been cut off by each other's swords.

I remind the Jamats of India that it is high time to begin retaliatory measures and inform the fair-minded Hindus and non-Hindus that if you are to save democracy then the first step is to finish this disturbance and if you are going to accept it then do so fulfilling the requirements of justice as to who is a Muslim and who is not. This fresh appeal which the *Maulvis* have launched there, this appeal itself reveals that they believe that the Ahmadiyya Community has won. Whenever appeals are made to the governments to declare non-Muslims it becomes clear that these *Maulvis* have failed in the eyes of the public. As long as the Jamat remains patient nobody can harm even a hair [on their body]. But have absolute trust and reliance on God and never adopt measures that are not permissible. This verse of Sura al-Zumar promises the vastness of the land to those who do their level best. This also holds a message to turn to further new lands.

The purpose of religion is not to gain dominance in number. When nations receive numerical majority and power they become arrogant and perpetrate cruelties. The real purpose is to increase the victimization and to extend patience so that when they prevail they adopt victimization and hold fast to patience. So protect your victimization and values of fortitude. Adopt such plans of action that would ensure your further progress through fortitude. Labour in all the lands around and start planting trees here and there as well in the far off lands that are empty. There is a lot of work remaining for us. One's fortitude increases as a result of patience and Allah the Almighty grants the ability to do more good works.

If you pray then God willing in the next 2 years Allah the Almighty would grant such scenes as we could never have even imagined. The voice that verifies the truth of the Promised Messiah that is coming from the heavens and coming along with pictures is also a Sign that it has prevailed.